

The Cold War Is Over

by Jere Artus

The Cold War is over . . . Gorbachev and Bush are friends. The United States and the Soviet Union are no longer building weapons of war but weapons of peace. Now they are using them in the area that has been plagued with carnage and war for thousands of years and especially the last 40 years . . . the Middle East.

Now, in the post-Desert Storm period, cooperation has become a reality among many nations of the world, especially in the Middle East. Now is the most opportune time to try to answer the Arab-Israeli question. That brings about the Arab-Israeli peace conference, sponsored by the United States and the Soviet Union. But peace in the Middle East is easier said than done. Consider the facts.

Israel is a militant but very religious country that is on the eastern edge of the Mediterranean Sea and is bordered by Egypt, Jordan, Syria, and Lebanon—all unfriendly to Israel. Israel used its military against Egypt in 1956 and 1967, captured the Gaza Strip, Sinai peninsula, West Bank of Jordan and the Syrian Golan Heights and also Jerusalem in the Six-Day War, and used military force against Iraq in 1981 and the PLO in 1985, and invaded Lebanon in 1982. Israelis try to justify their actions by stating that they were defending themselves.

The other half of this argument is the Palestinians and the Arab League. They have caused some carnage themselves: the Yom Kippur War, Six Day War, 1956 Suez crisis, a showdown between the United States and the Soviet Union in 1972 about the presence of Russian troops in the conflict of the Yom Kippur war.

Now peace is possible in the Middle East. The Palestinians, Arabs, and Israelis are at the peace table talking terms, but whatever the compromise turns out to be, somewhere along the line someone is going to be unhappy or possibly very angry.

Merry
Christmas
and
Happy
New Year

Senior Mugs will be available in the Student Activities Office at \$15.00 each. See Mrs. Rollo for details

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Chalk Circle Players Present *RUMORS*



Members of the Chalk Circle Players cast of *Rumors* pictured above (standing, left to right): Keith McKee, David Agoglia and Dennis Davis. Seated, left to right: Shameka Lawrence, Ruby Andreolli, Dominique Vincent and Ann McCall. Camera shy: David Polk, Sean Whatley, Valerie Sanchez and Assistant Director Elida Martes.

by Karen Nikoloudakis

On December 13 and 14, 1991, Bishop Ford's own Chalk Circle Players presented Neil Simon's *Rumors*.

Basically the play centers around a group of high society friends before and during a dinner party. But what the

guests don't expect is one of their hosts trying to commit suicide before their arrival. From that point on, it is total chaos, because everyone is afraid of scandal.

Come out and support the C.C.P. These young, hard-working actors are very dedi-

cated to their cause. Each year they have two shows, with two performances each. The plays are always in a variety, and everyone will be interested in one or another. Their effort really comes through in their work. Every single play is a joy. It is recommended that you take a look for yourself.

"FORD IN ACTION" AT IT AGAIN

by Ray Layden

Ford in Action is at it again, spreading their goodheartedness everywhere they can. This time they are collecting to meet their goal of ten baskets of food for Thanksgiving. The collections are going to Catholic Charities, which then distributes them to homeless families or to families that are in dire need of help. Everything donated will be used, from spare change at lunch to canned foods.

The fund drive will last right through until Christmas. Whatever is not used after Thanksgiving will be used to purchase items needed by local hospitals or to purchase Christmas gifts for children in the chil-

dren's ward of hospitals. If a hospital is already booked, then the items will go to Covenant House.

Ford in Action is being run by Mr. William Slow, with the great help of Mrs. Rolo. This school-related club has been involved in many activities in the past. Hopefully this drive will be just as successful as all other projects in the past. Although they are as strong as ever, Ford in Action is always looking for new people who are looking for a challenge. Anyone who is interested or just wants to help out now and then should see either Mr. Slow in the Guidance Office or Mrs. Rollo in the Student Activities Center. All are welcome to join.

Don't forget to order your VIDEO YEARBOOK! See Mrs. Rollo in the Student Activities Office.
Price: \$32.95

Movie Review: *Flight Of The Intruder*

by Jere Artus

It's the early 1970's, the Vietnam War, on an aircraft carrier in the Gulf of Tonkin; the A16 "Intruder" awaits. The "Intruder" is a carrier-based medium attack bomber (the "Mini B-52") that is used mostly by the U.S. Navy. Jake "Cool Hand" Grafton is an Intruder pilot who sees most of his missions as useless. Now, Grafton and his bombardier are taking their "Intruder" on an unauthorized mission, the mission that will make a difference.

The movie "Flight of the Intruder" is based on Stephen Coonts's best-selling novel of the same name and was the producers of the 1990 blockbuster film, "The Hunt For Red October." The movie stars Danny Glover (Lethal Weapon 1 & 2, Predator 2) as Grafton's commander, and William Devoe as Grafton's bombardier who shares this mission of excitement to make a difference.

This is a movie I would mention to people who don't want to see the one and well-known side of the conflict, but the side of the pilots who go in, get shot at, perform their mission, and head back (if possible), and return.

One interesting point is that the A-6 "Intruder" not only took part in Vietnam, but also in Libya, and in both OPERATION DESERT SHIELD and OPERATION DESERT STORM. So, the A-6 "Intruder" is not only a carrier bomber of today but a bomber that has taken its place in history as it prepares for the future.

Can you name all of Santa's Reindeer? Be prepared for a quiz on Monday!



The Homeless: They're Out There

by Brandon Broady

Imagine yourself and your family having nowhere to go and no place to come home to! Imagine yourself without the simple pleasures of a bed, running hot-and-cold water, and not knowing where your next meal is coming from. It seems almost too hard to imagine for some of us. We often take for granted how fortunate we are. But it's about time we stop and take notice of the homeless, and realize that they could be us, or our family, or friends.

As the holidays and winter come, the homeless are becoming more and more visible to us. Many times when we ride the subway we see the homeless. They might be sleeping in passenger seats, searching through the platform garbage, or panhandling through the train cars for money. You stop and ask yourself as you see them, "Should I feel for them? Should I help them out?" They might just be too lazy and need to get a job. But no matter what your first thoughts are, in your heart, you still feel sympathetic towards them.

In the seventh grade I learned that there are three types of "HOMELESSNESS." They are "the homeless in the heart," "the homeless family," and "the homeless who just want to be homeless." But what is amazing, we can help all of them as individuals and as a unit. Just like when we unite to give support to the runners on the day of the New York Marathon.

How can we help the homeless, you might ask. It's not hard if you think about it. You can volunteer your time in soup kitchens, you can donate goods and clothes, or even raise money. But it is not a good idea to give money to some homeless who panhandle, because they may use it to buy drugs and alcohol. Instead, give blankets, old winter coats, and old shoes, which will be better for the homeless during the winter season. **Or you can just support your school when it raises funds for the homeless.**

The people who can really help the homeless are in the government. Please do not say the government does not have the money, because that would just be a contradiction. The government gives to Israel, Russia, and other countries. But they tell us they cannot increase funds for education, AIDS research, and the homeless. This really makes me angry and upset we do not care more about ourselves and our people.

The homeless are a part of society we must stop ignoring and pay more attention to! If the government will not make more of an effort to decrease homelessness, then it is up to the people to do something.

You must remember, it might be you a year from now without a home . . .

On January 11, 1992 all members of the Ford Community celebrate with great joy the Hundredth Anniversary of the birth of Bishop Francis X. Ford.

The Annual Senior-Faculty Christmas Party
of Bishop Ford Central Catholic High School
will take place at
GRAND PROSPECT HALL
on the Evening of December 20, 1991

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Movie Review: Little Man Tate

by Karen Nikoloudakis

Directed by and starring Jodie Foster, this is the beginning of an even newer generation of young American women filmmakers.

This movie was outstanding. It was a natural progression for veteran actress Jodie Foster, who suffered hard times after being exploited in the aftermath of John Hinckley's attempt on former Pres. Reagan's life.

She has come a long way. Playing a gutsy, yet ignorant street-wise mother of a genius, Foster sparkled on the big screen.

This movie was heart-warming, funny, and still a tear-jerker. Two tissues required. Little Man Tate portrayed a strong relationship between a single working mother with her child that many of us can relate to.

This movie is recommended to all. Old and young will enjoy it, even the most macho of us. You will love it!

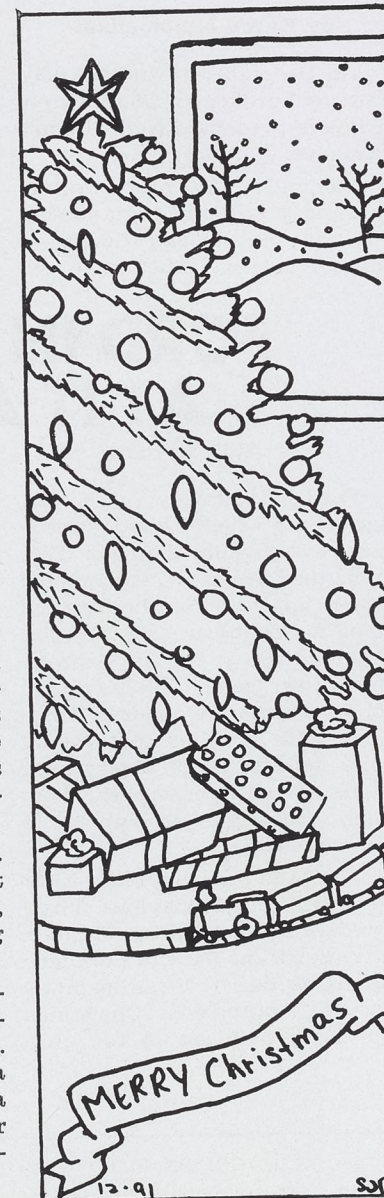
National Honor Society Inductions

by Karen Nikoloudakis

On November 13th, 1991 the annual NHS and NBHS Induction dinner was held in our cafeteria. For a student to be considered, he or she must qualify by having an 85 grade-point average with no grade lower than 80, two activities, two recommendations (teacher, coach/moderator), and a list of community service activities with a recommendation from that also. After completing all of this, then the student will be considered for membership.

The pressure and agony of waiting until being notified is sheer horror. Only the best of the best of the best of Ford students will be chosen. But, for those of you who have shared this pain with me, don't worry, we are not done. Thousands of students from all over the country are going through the same torture and anxieties. But, the benefits are worth it: to be able to say that at one point or another of your high school academic career you were a NHS member is a great feat itself. You are respected by teachers and fellow student's for your accomplishments. And I don't mind telling you that colleges love seeing it on your application.

Highpoint, editors and staff, would like to congratulate all new and old NHS and NBHS members for having what it takes to be a part of it all.



Honoring The Honorable

by Ray Layden

The Academic Awards Dinner was held Wednesday, November 13 in the cafeteria here at Bishop Ford. Awards were given to the students who have maintained an average of above ninety-five, with no grade less than ninety for first honors. Recipients of second honor awards had to have maintained an average of above eighty-five, with no grade less than eighty.

Both first and second Honor winners received a certificate for their achievements. Those students who received the Principal's Award will have their names put on a plaque in the main hall where it will remain permanently. They also received a plaque to take home with them. In addition to these awards, all award recipients had a free dinner that night. This dinner gave recognition to those students who have worked hard and struggled to maintain high grades throughout the year.

The idea of an awards dinner came about six or seven years ago. There had always been special award dinners for athletics, or activities, but not for school work. This idea helps improve the students and makes them want to work harder to receive an award next year. The moderator, Assistant Principal Grella, has taken over the awards dinner and is trying to make it as successful as ever.

All are welcome to the dinner; teachers, friends, and family were all there. Congratulations to all winners.

Marathon Sunday Takes New York

by Vincent Lijoi

It was on Sunday, November 3, that some 25,000 people from all walks of life came to New York City to run in the 22nd annual New York City Marathon. The participants had to run through all five boroughs of the city for 26.2 miles. Some two million spectators watched and cheered the runners on as they raced towards the finish line.

Ninety percent of the runners are said to have finished the race. Some of the runners were people who served in Desert Storm, and others came from all countries of the world.

One man in the race was 92 years old, while another person in the race was a nun, who wore a tee-shirt saying NUN ON THE RUN.

The first prize was \$20,000 and a brand new Mercedes Benz. The lucky Marathon winner in first place was Salvadore Garcia of Mexico for the men's runners, and for the women's runners, it was Liz McColgan of Scotland.

It was a great, exciting race that all runners should be commended for.

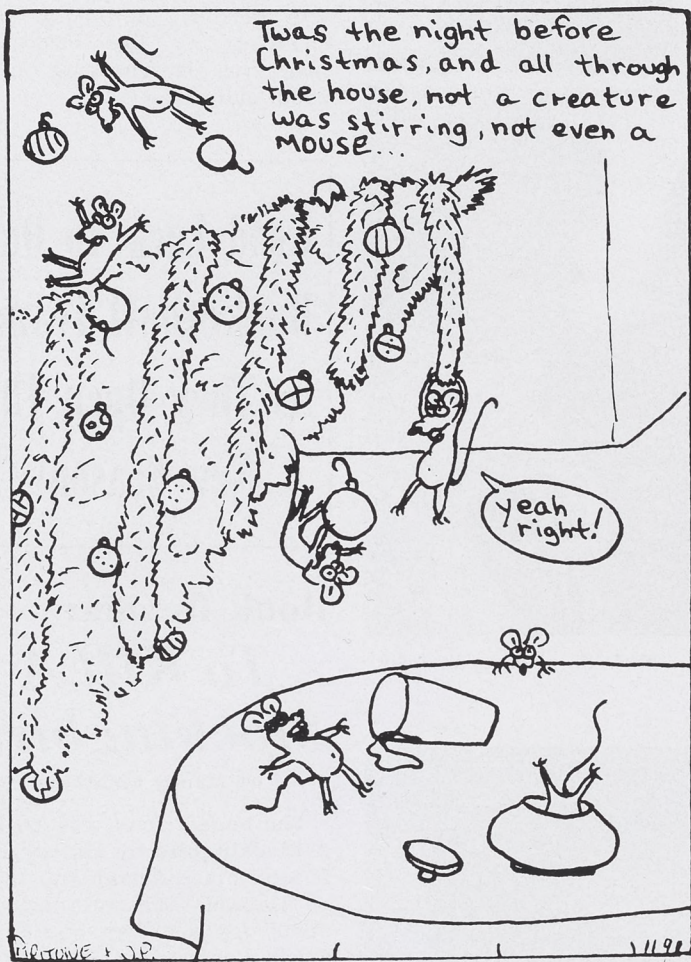


Doug Walrond and Rob Blackwell Sign Letters of Intent



Doug Walrond and Rob Blackwell, assisted by Coach Raymond Nash, sign National Letters of Intent, each worth \$88,000. Doug plans to go to Pace University, and Rob will attend Boston College.

Track Captains Scott McLeod and Ahmed Harris led Bishop Ford's team to the #1 rank in the State and the #9 rank in the Nation.

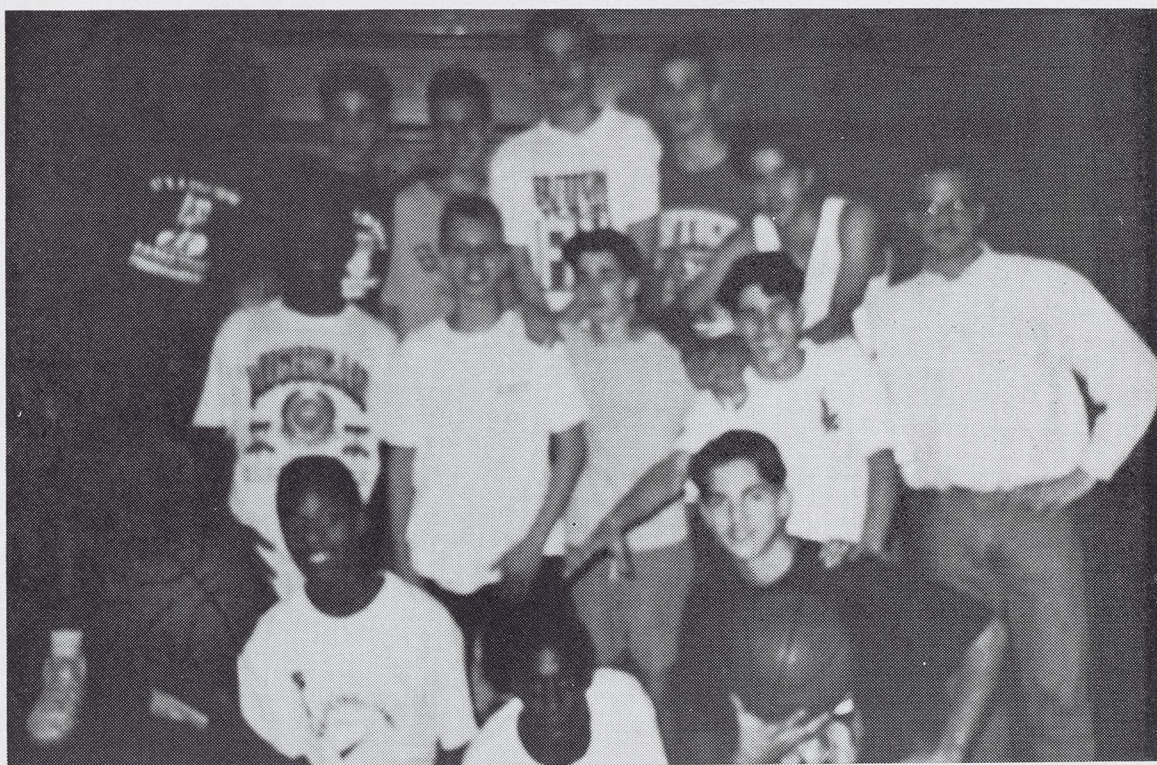


Christmas
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Day
is
December 19



EVEN though SANTA Replaced them with machines, the elves decided to show him there were no hard feelings.

Ford Falcons Welcome New Frosh Basketball Team



Members of the Freshman Boys' Basketball Team pictured above, top, left to right: Laurentz Powe, Chris Gouldsberry, Joe Mirakay, Edward Hernandez, James Licitra, Ron Marriatta. Middle, left to right: Kevin Slack, John Fina, Brendan Gallagher, Joe Puleo. Bottom, left to right: Andle Cooper, Ray Desmangles, Dave Shamoun, and Coach Steve Finamore.

Have a
Happy New Year:
Don't
Drink
and
Drive.

The Editors and Staff of Bishop Ford Central High School's own Student Newspaper, **Highpoint**, have been informed by Dr. Anthony Defina of the Biology Department that the snakes in our zoo are mating. Stay tuned for further developments.

B. F.'s Volleyball Team Goes To Playoffs

by Ray Layden

Bishop Ford's volleyball team ended their season this year with a total of twelve wins and only four losses, for their sixteen league games. This team, made up of six seniors, three juniors, and two sophomores, has had a successful year. The team went to the playoffs, which were held at Brooklyn College, but lost their first match of three games to Mary Louis. They did make up for their loss at a scrimmage game in which they beat Poly Prep in three games.

The team may have lost the playoff but did reach their goal of making the playoffs. Their second goal was to beat St. Savior at least once. Colleen Killen of the volleyball team remarked, "Although we didn't reach that goal, we are looking forward to doing so next year." Colleen also stated, "The team this year was made up of girls who wanted to play volleyball. This year our team was off to a good start. In spite of the four losses to Bishop Kearney and St. Savior, our team always stuck together and took third place in Brooklyn. Although we lost our first game in the playoffs to Mary Louis, Coach Lesser and the rest of the team agreed we had a great season."

The volleyball season is over, but there was a senior exceptional game held here at Bishop Ford in the gym on November 20 for the seniors in Brooklyn and Queens.

RECYCLE!

Place your empty soft-drink cans in the proper receptacles in the cafeteria.

Twins Take It All

by Vincent Lijoi

TWINS WIN IT! TWINS WIN IT! It was a classic baseball game in Minneapolis on Sunday, October 27, when the Minnesota Twins beat the Atlanta Braves in the seventh game of the World Series to win the championship.

Each pitch had a chance to make history. It was the tenth inning with the bases loaded, no one out and no score, when pinch hitter for the Twins, Gene Larkin, hit the first pitch he saw from ex-Met Alejandro Pena over the head of the Braves outfield. The pinch hit single into left center field, scored Dan Gladden from third base, giving the Twins a 1-0 victory and the title of 1991 world series champions. The Larkin single gave Twins pitcher Jack Morris his second win of the series, as well as the MVP award.

It was a terrific series, especially because the two teams finished in last place last year.

Congratulations, Twins, on a series well played.

Cheerleaders Bolster Ford's Spirit

by Nancy McManus

This year Ford was able to have two cheerleading teams, varsity and junior varsity, allowing more people to join. Coached by Ms. Geroulakis, the varsity team consists of 22 girls and the J.V. of 30 girls.

The cheerleaders don't get as much recognition as they deserve. They work just as hard as the sports teams. The cheerleaders hold practices three times a week for an hour to an hour and a half each day. This year's squads have been the best that Mr. Campanaro has ever seen this early in the year.

Each year captains are picked for each of the teams. These captains are responsible for teaching the other cheerleaders the cheers that will be used during the year. This year's varsity team captains are Tanya Glenn, Dawne Watson, Judith Exantus and Jamila Crooms. This year's J.V. captains are Michelle Roomey, Louise Banks, Tameko Bell and Julie D'Ottavio.

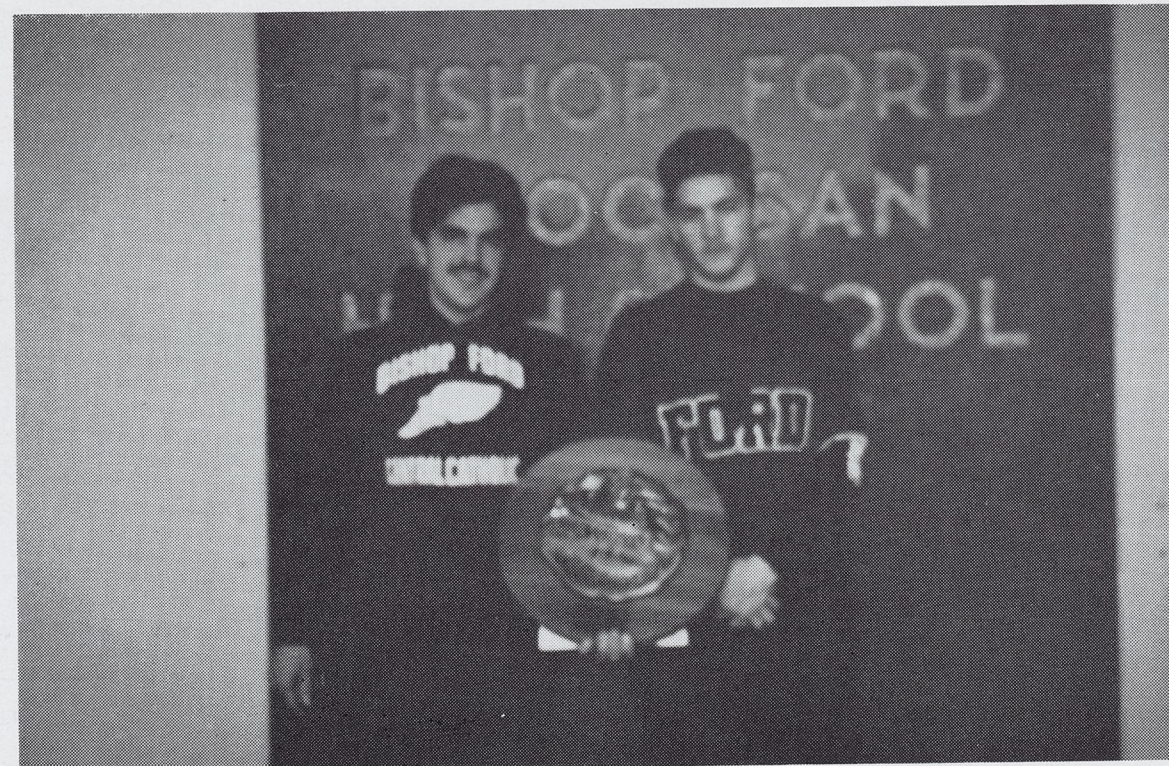
The cheerleaders can be seen cheering at all home basketball games. Their first appearance at a game was on December 6th. Hopefully everyone will be out there, not only cheering on the basketball team, but also cheering on the cheerleaders.



Captains of the Varsity Cheerleaders, clock-wise from the top: Dawne Watson, Judith Exantus, Tanya Glenn and Jamila Crooms.



Captains of the Junior Varsity Cheerleaders, left to right: Louise Banks, Michelle Roomey, Julie D'Ottavio and Tameko Bell.



Pictured above are Junior Chris Gonzalez and Coach Louis Vazquez. Chris took first place in the State Champs in Bowdoin State Park, Poughkeepsie, New York on November 16, 1991. He is now qualified to compete in the National Champs in San Diego, California, all expenses paid, because he finished eighth in the Kinney Regional Qualifier.

Good Luck To Our Basketball Teams As They Open The New Season!

Book Review: To Kill A Mockingbird

by Nancy McManus

The book I read was *To Kill A Mockingbird* by Harper Lee. It took place during the 1800's in Alabama and was basically about Atticus, Jem and Scout (Jean Louise) Finch. It tells of the adventures of Scout and Jem, and of tension caused by different events, such as a rape trial. It also discusses different types of discrimination among people in society, especially between blacks and whites.

This book gives a good description of life in a small southern town where everybody knows everybody.

I have read many books, but I found this to be one of the best, and I recommend it highly.

Join the BIG BROTHER/
BIG SISTER PROGRAM!
See Cathy Driscoll or Joe Giammarino.